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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2137  
PATENT**

Attorney Docket No. 09812.0590-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	)	
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Taizo SHIRAI et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2137
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Application No.: 09/982,711	)	Examiner: Nadia Khoshnoodi
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Filed: October 18, 2001	)	Confirmation No.: 8666
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 26, 2006, with a period for response extending through July 26, 2006, Applicants request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.